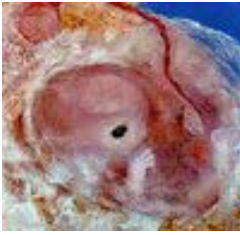


Bulletin announcements

One Month Developing Baby



Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all--the gift of life.

Two Month Developing Baby



Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

Three Month Developing Baby



Your baby is quite active in the womb now--although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. What a miracle he is!

Four Month Developing Baby



Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged throughout his life. His tastebuds are working. His sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

Five Month Developing Baby



Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can feel him moving now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it--the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Six Month Developing Baby



Your spiritually adopted baby is growing quite beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.

Seven-Eight Month Developing Baby



You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight-and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. But she's not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring her baby home or to place her baby for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given her grace to seek the help she needs.

Weekend Before Program Ends

Next weekend we will conclude our Adopt-A-Baby program. We are planning a "baby shower" for our local crisis pregnancy center, (*put in name of your local crisis pregnancy center*). We will be collecting disposable diapers, formula, layette items, and new baby clothes (up to 24 months size) for mothers who cannot afford these items.

Please bring your gift to church next weekend and place it in the box we will have in the back of church.

Happy Birthday Adopted Baby

After nine months of growth and development your spiritually adopted baby was born this month. The only change at birth is a different way of eating and breathing.

Truly a miracle, your baby began his life just like all of us, as a 46 chromosome cell. Nothing was "added" after conception to make this a human being. The only thing needed was time to grow. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. You may never meet the mother and baby but your prayers saved his life.